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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, AG, MO

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CLARK CLIFFORD TO ALGERIA

REF: RABAT 2640

FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND ON CLARK CLIFFORD'S VISIT TO  
ALGERIA FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND USE WITH GOM OFFICIALS  
AS APPROPRIATE.

1. CLIFFORD'S VISIT TO ALGERIA WAS PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL  
IN CONNECTION WITH HIS LAW FIRM'S WORK FOR THE ALGERIAN  
GOVERNMENT. CLIFFORD ALSO VISITED A U.S. CITIZEN  
IMPRISONED IN ALGERIA, ACTING AS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE  
AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE PRISONER'S FAMILY.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO ALGERIA CLIFFORD HAD  
MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, FOREIGN MINISTER  
BOUTEFLIKA, MINISTER OF ENERGY AND PETROCHEMICALS GHOZALI,  
AND AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO THE U.S. MAOUI. WITH  
BOUTEFLIKA AND BOUMEDIENE HE DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF ISSUES  
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IN U.S.-ALGERIAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE SAHARA SITUATION.  
NO EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT AT THESE CONVERSATIONS  
BUT ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARIES OF THEM WHICH CLIFFORD

SHARED WITH CHARGE LYNE, CLIFFORD STATED SEVERAL TIMES  
TO BOUMEDIENE AND BOUTEFLIKA THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING HIS  
PERSONAL VIEWS AND NOT U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY.

3. FYI ONLY. WITH BOUMEDIENE CLIFFORD DID DWELL AT  
CONSIDERABLE LENGTH ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S BACKGROUND AND  
ATTITUDES AND WHEN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST CLIFFORD  
REFERRED TO HIS LONG CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARTER  
ON MAY 9 ABOUT THE GENEVA MEETINGS WITH ASAD. THUS  
CLIFFORD NO DOUBT LEFT STRONG IMPRESSION OF HIS ACCESS  
TO HIGHEST LEVEL OF NEW ADMINISTRATION. CHRISTOPHER

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